



# Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center

## Interagency Incident Update

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### OVERVIEW

Yesterday, within the Rocky Mountain Area, initial attack activity was minimal with 3 new fires reported (2 BLM, 1 County), for a total of 0 acres. Currently, there are 6 active wildfires (2 BLM, 4 USFS) within the Rocky Mountain Area.

Approximately 264 resources/420 people – aircraft, crews, equipment and overhead – from the Rocky Mountain Area are assigned to incidents outside of the area. Nationally, 4,815 resources are assigned to incidents across the United States.

The Rocky Mountain Area has sent 66 people to support fire suppression efforts in Canada: three 20-person crews (1 Alpine Hotshots, NPS; 1 San Juan Hotshot, USFS, and 1 Tatanka Hotshot, USFS); three taskforce leaders (2 Black Hills National Forest, 1 Pike & San Isabel National Forest); one interagency resource representative (Pike/San Isabel National Forest); and two division/group supervisors (1 Medicine Bow National Forest, 1 White River National Forest). Nationally, nine crews, 32 overhead and one airtanker have been sent to Canada. For more information on Canada’s current fire situation, visit [www.cifcc.ca](http://www.cifcc.ca).

### WEATHER

As monsoon moisture continues to propagate eastward on Wednesday, expect decreasing coverage of thunderstorms with drier relative humidity. Temperatures warm slightly on Wednesday as well, but temperature values remain near to below average for this time of year, except a few degrees above average in the northeast portion of Wyoming. The atmosphere continues to evolve into a drier pattern across the Rocky Mountain Area later in the week as an upper trough develops initially over the Pacific Northwest, and then extends into the west coast and the western Great Basin. A resultant west-southwest flow of dry, desert air is projected to expand across the Rocky Mountain Area through at least early in the weekend. During this period expect warmer than average temperatures, relative humidity 8% to 20% in the lower elevations, and breezy conditions, especially across central to southern Wyoming and northwest Colorado at 15 to 25 mph through the weekend, except stronger winds on Thursday gusting 35 to 40 mph.

[Daily Fire Potential Briefing](#) | [7-Day RMA Fire Weather Outlook](#) | [7-Day Fire RMA Potential Outlook](#) | [7-Day National Fire Potential Outlook](#)

### FUELS/FIRE POTENTIAL

Most lower elevations grasses west of the Continental Divide are dried and brush live fuel moisture (ratio of the amount of water to the amount of dry plant material in living plants) values have decreased as well. Additionally, lower elevation grasses east of the Continental divide (below 7500 feet) are drying out or have completely dried. A much warmer and drier airmass begins to move into the region on Wednesday, but becomes more pronounced later this week. Additionally, breezy conditions develop over western Colorado through central and eastern Wyoming during this time. The main focus for increased fire risk (but not extreme), will be from northwest Colorado through central Wyoming during the entire outlook period, with lower probabilities elsewhere. ERCs (Energy Release Component) across the Rocky Mountain Area are currently running below the seasonal averages, however the hot and dry period setting up for the next week will increase values 7-10 points or closer the averages.

[Fuels & Fire Danger](#) | [RMA NFDERS RAWS Graphs](#)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA <a href="#">INTELLIGENCE REPORT</a>	
Preparedness Level:	1
Initial attack activity:	Minimal -3 new fires
New large Fires:	0
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0
Fires year-to-date:	1,248
Acres year-to-date:	84,681
NATIONAL <a href="#">INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT</a>	
Preparedness Level:	2
Initial attack activity:	Light - 163 new fires
New large incidents:	6
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3
Fires year-to-date:	33,340
Acres year-to-date:	5,509,546

CURRENT ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENT ACTIVITY (as reported from SIT-209 system)

Incident Name	State	Unit	Location	Type	Start Date/Time	Size Acres	Cause	% Cont. Comp	Est Cont	Pers	Crews	Eng.	Heli	Struc Lost	Cost	Remarks
<a href="#">Piedrosa Creek</a>	CO	Rio Grande NF	11 miles W of Capulin, CO	5	5/28/2015 1534 MDT	41	Lightning	0	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	\$14.4K	Identify and protect resources, contain fire within Research National Area
South Derby	CO	White River NF	17 miles NW of Eagle, CO	5	6/20/2015 1713 MDT	0.25	Lightning	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	\$1.8K	Fire is being actively monitored by firefighters.
Haycamp	CO	San Juan NF	8 to 9 miles NE of Dolores, CO	4	7/15/2015 1345 MDT	10	Lightning	0	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	\$2.5K	Fire is being actively monitored by firefighters.
Hay Canyon	CO	White River Field Office/BLM	30 miles SW of Meeker, CO	5	7/16/2015 0700 MDT	2	Lightning	20	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	\$9K	Fire is being actively monitored by firefighters.
Red Dirt	CO	Little Snake Filed Office/BLM	6 miles from Elk Springs, CO	4	7/16/2015 1707 MDT	1	Lightning	0	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	\$2K	Fire is being actively monitored by firefighters.
Stoner Mesa	CO	San Juan NF	17 miles NE of Dolores, CO	5	7/18/2015 1550 MDT	0.1	Lightning	0	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	\$500	Fire is being actively monitored by firefighters.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM ROTATION/SCHEDULE

[Link](#) to incident management team rotation/schedule

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